

Mel Gibson*

City Manager's Office

**Yes, that's her real name!*

How long have you worked for the city?

Four years as a full time employee, and for two years as a volunteer prior to being hired.

What do you do?

I provide project and administrative support for the City Manager's Office. Lately, I have been assisting with the Goodyear Civic Square at Estrella Falls project, which is going to be EPIC!

Favorite thing about working for the city?

Being part of a culture of empowerment and collaboration.

Favorite Core Value:

Optimism. Yes, I'm an eternal optimist. My glass is always going to be half full. It's just who I am!

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I enjoy spectating at my 13-year-old daughter's volleyball games with my husband of 20 years, Vernon. I also enjoy (and am scared of, LOL) Toastmasters. I am currently the president of the Luke Air Force Base Toastmasters Club. The thing I love most about Toastmasters is that they accept everyone for who they are and provide unconditional support.



Fast Facts

What did you want to be when you grew up:

A member of the U.S. military. I actually served three years in the Army as a Patriot Missile Operator.

Favorite restaurant:

Casa Terra—it's a vegan place in Glendale.

Next on your bucket list:

I would love to learn how to break dance, and I AM NOT kidding!

Cannot start the morning without:

Drinking coffee while my dog lays on my lap.

If you won \$1 million:

I would help the homeless and pay for my daughter's medical school.